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SUBJECT: GEORGE FERNANDES APPEARS IN COURT

REF: NEW DELHI 14208

1. SOCIALIST LEADER GEORGE FERNANDES, VIREN J. SHAH (CONGRESS-O MEMBER OF THE RAJYA SABHA) AND TWENTY OTHER PERSONS ACCUSED OF CONSPIRACY IN THE BARODA DYNAMITE CASE APPEARED BEFORE THE CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE IN DELHI ON OCT. 4 FOR THE PRELIMINARY HEARING OF THEIR CASE. ATTORNEYS FOR FERNANDES AND SHAH ASKED THE COURT TO ALLOW THE TWO PRISONERS TO APPEAR IN COURT WITHOUT HANDCUFFS. THE MAGISTRATE WILL HAND DOWN A DECISION ON THIS QUESTION ON OCT. 8. HE DID RULE, HOWEVER, THAT SHAH (WHO RECENTLY SUFFERED A HEART ATTACK) WAS TO BE GIVEN SPECIAL MEDICAL AND DIET FACILITIES WHILE UNDER DETENTION.

2. THE MAGISTRATE SET OCT. 12 AS THE DATE FOR EXAMINING THE DOCUMENTS PRODUCED IN THE CASE. WE EXPECT THAT AFTER THIS PRELIMINARY HEARING BY THE METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, THE CASE WILL BE REFERRED TO THE SESSIONS COURT FOR WHAT PROMISES TO BE A LENGTHY "SHOW TRIAL."

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